

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for analysis version control in a supply chain management framework,
2 comprising:
3 a) maintaining a plurality of separate versions of an analysis in a database;
4 b) receiving a request for an additional version of the analysis utilizing a graphical
5 user interface;
6 c) generating the additional version of the analysis in response to the request; and
7 d) allowing a plurality of parameters of the additional version to be changed utilizing
8 the graphical user interface, wherein the parameters are selected from the group
9 consisting of a maximum number of supplier sources, a pricing method, and an
10 invoice adjustment.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the additional version of the analysis is named in
2 accordance with a variance associated with the additional version.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the request includes the selection of an icon on
2 the graphical user interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the analysis is a least cost analysis.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the request is received utilizing a network.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the parameters of the additional version are
2 capable of being changed utilizing a plurality of fields on the graphical user
3 interface.

1 7. A system for analysis version control in a supply chain management framework,
 2 comprising:
 3 a) logic for maintaining a plurality of separate versions of an analysis in a database;
 4 b) logic for receiving a request for an additional version of the analysis utilizing a
 5 graphical user interface;
 6 c) logic for generating the additional version of the analysis in response to the
 7 request; and
 8 d) logic for allowing a plurality of parameters of the additional version to be
 9 changed utilizing the graphical user interface, wherein the parameters are selected
 10 from the group consisting of a maximum number of supplier sources, a pricing
 11 system, and an invoice adjustment.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the additional version of the analysis is named in
 2 accordance with a variance associated with the additional version.

1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the request includes the selection of an icon on
 2 the graphical user interface.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the analysis is a least cost analysis.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the request is received utilizing a network.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the parameters of the additional version are
 2 capable of being changed utilizing a plurality of fields on the graphical user
 3 interface.

1 13. A computer program product for analysis version control in a supply chain
 2 management framework, comprising:
 3 a) computer code for maintaining a plurality of separate versions of an analysis in a
 4 database;

- 5 b) computer code for receiving a request for an additional version of the analysis
- 6 utilizing a graphical user interface;
- 7 c) computer code for generating the additional version of the analysis in response to
- 8 the request; and
- 9 d) computer code for allowing a plurality of parameters of the additional version to
- 10 be changed utilizing the graphical user interface, wherein the parameters are
- 11 selected from the group consisting of a maximum number of supplier sources, a
- 12 pricing computer program product, and an invoice adjustment.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the additional version of the
 2 analysis is named in accordance with a variance associated with the additional
 3 version.

1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the request includes the
 2 selection of an icon on the graphical user interface.

1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the analysis is a least cost
 2 analysis.

1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the request is received
 2 utilizing a network.

1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the parameters of the
 2 additional version are capable of being changed utilizing a plurality of fields on
 3 the graphical user interface.